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In re application of : Confirmation No. 9656  
Haruyuki MIZUNO et al. : Docket No. 2001-1209A  
Serial No. 09/937,482 : Group Art Unit 1712  
Filed September 26, 2001 : Examiner Christoper M. Keehan

CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1712**